

7. On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 of no importance, 10 of ultimate importance), how would you rate the relative importance of physical attraction to character/spiritual attractions? Are they equally or disproportionately important? Why do you feel this way?

Sermon Notes

"Love's Longings"
Song of Solomon 1:1-6
January 31, 2016

Introduction:

8. If you are married, what qualities attract you to your spouse? If you are single and searching for a spouse, should you be making some changes in what you are looking for? What qualities should be added to (or deleted from) your checklist?

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Let's Pray:

For our missionaries:

Jeff and Teri Sprecher - Dir. of Mission Impact, Guatemala

Pray for the families affected by the mudslide in Santa Catarina Pinula; for on-going building projects.

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3. We discover the woman working in the vineyards (1:5-6). Why is this significant and what traits are revealed about her character?

Conclusion:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 1-31-16

Tommy Nelson, Tommy Nelson Bible Study Series: Song of Solomon, Hudson Productions, Plano, TX, 2005, p. 1-6; Tommy Nelson, The Book of Romance, Thomas Nelson Publishers, Nashville, 1998, p. 18.

Getting Started:

1. Where do you see evidence of a universal longing to be loved – that is, to be both known and enjoyed? Share examples or stories that illustrate this.

4. What are the character traits you believe to be the most important to see manifested in a potential mate? Are these qualities different from what you seek in a friend?

5. To what degree do you think it is possible to change another person through your influence and presence?

Digging Deeper:

2. Read Song of Solomon 1:1-4. What attracts this woman to this man?

6. Consider the woman's self-description in 1:5. "Dark am I, yet lovely, ... dark like the tents of Kedar, [lovely] like the tent curtains of Solomon." How does body-image play a role in romance for either women or men?